

Rabies educational platform and certificate courses

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The GARC Education Platform was developed to address the need for a coordinated approach to improve rabies education and awareness where it is most needed.

The Rabies Educator Certificate (REC) was the first course to be released on the freely accessible online platform, as a self-guided course designed to equip people with the knowledge and skills to effectively disseminate accurate, life-saving information regarding rabies and its prevention to at-risk communities throughout the world. Since the launch of the REC course in February 2015, the online REC course has been translated into three different languages (English, Spanish and French) and more than 500 people from a variety of global settings have become certified.

A second course, the Animal Handler and Vaccinator Education Certificate (AHVEC), was launched in December 2015 after extensive beta testing by globally positioned expert networks. The AHVEC course has been designed as an introduction to dog handling and vaccination, which can precede a physical training program or alternatively be used by trained professionals who wish to refresh their knowledge and remain up-to-date regarding new techniques and tools on dog handling and vaccination.

The online GARC Education Platform, hosting the two existing courses will be expanded with other rabies-specific courses currently under development. It will continue to respond to and address the needs for enhanced public education and responsible pet ownership in an effort to prevent rabies.